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REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION

Dear Sir:

The Examiner is requested to base examination of the above U.S. patent application on the application as amended during Chapter II proceedings in the PCT, which include the amended pages attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and the application as follows:

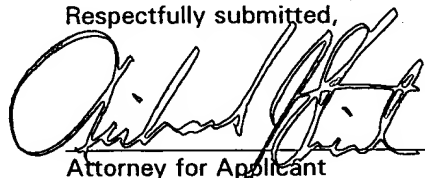
1. Specification pages 1 and 3 as originally filed in the international application
2. Specification page 2 as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report
3. Substitute page 4 of the claims attached herewith
4. Sheets 1-2 of drawings as originally filed in the international application

A substitute specification is attached herewith which reflect and include the foregoing amendments.

REMARKS

The claims attached herewith are based on the claims as attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report with amendments to place the same in better condition for examination under U.S. rules of practice.

Respectfully submitted,



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